



HJ 32 HISTORIC PRESERVATION: HERITAGE, JOBS AND THE MONTANA WAY OF LIFE

Did you know?

- Montana's historic sites stand out in our nation:
 - Butte-Anaconda National Historic Landmark is our nation's largest NHL.
 - Virginia City National Historic Landmark is the best preserved mining camp in the West.
 - Montana has more buffalo jumps than any other state.
 - Montana's battlefields are among the nation's finest - the U.S. Army brings a field school to Rosebud Battlefield State Park every year to study battle strategies.
 - Montana's railroads and train depots were a gateway to creating towns and communities in our state and the West.
 - Montana's historic trails - the Lolo, the Lewis & Clark, the Nez Perce, the Bozeman - are among the best preserved historic trails in America.
- Preservation can stimulate industries hardest hit by economic downturn like building trades, real estate, and the wood products industry.
- Heritage tourism is one of Montana's most promising industries.
- Many states provide ongoing revenue to help local communities protect heritage -- the State of Texas provided over \$240 Million to restore Historic Courthouses across their state.
- The greenest building is the one that is already built.

And yet:

- Montana ranks 49th in funding our State Historic Preservation Office
- Montana ranks lowest in funding for our state Main Street program
- Montana properties have been on the National Trust's Most Endangered List more than any state in our region